

Advancing Reproductive Justice

BECAUSE MY BODY IS MY OWN

NOW affirms that reproductive rights are issues of life and death for women, not mere matters of choice. NOW fully supports affordable access to safe and legal abortion, to effective birth control and emergency contraception, to reproductive health services and education for all women. NOW opposes restrictions and works to increase access through legislation, litigation and direct action.



Ensuring Economic Justice

BECAUSE I EARNED IT

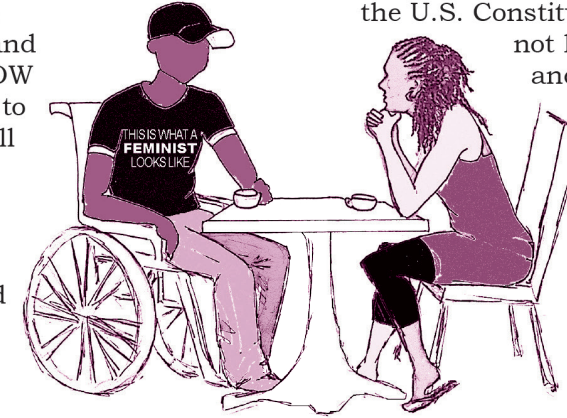
NOW fights for equality in jobs, pay, credit, education, insurance, fringe benefits, pensions, and Social Security—through legislation, negotiation, labor organizing, education and litigation. NOW pledges to help women break through the "glass ceiling" of the executive suite, and break loose of the "sticky floor"—the dead-end, low wage jobs that keep so many women in poverty. NOW actively opposes punitive welfare laws that harm the most vulnerable women and children in our society.



Promoting Diversity and Ending Racism

BECAUSE I KNOW WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT

NOW has always worked to eliminate discrimination and racism and to promote racial and ethnic diversity. Recognizing that racism stands in the way of women's empowerment and full equality, NOW pledges to fight to eradicate it in all its forms, including individual attitudes and institutionalized racism.



Achieving Equality: Women in the Constitution

BECAUSE I'M STILL NOT EQUAL

NOW's goal of full gender equality includes equal rights, equal treatment, and equal opportunities in every sphere of life. Equality of rights for all women must be guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution, so that we will not have to fight for each and every advance, and will not have to constantly defend the gains we have made. Putting women in the Constitution. Now what's wrong with that?

Winning Lesbian Rights

BECAUSE I LOVE WHO I LOVE

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in all areas, including employment, housing, public accommodations, health services, child custody and military policies. NOW supports educational efforts that combat the adverse effects of homophobia, promote positive images in the media and ultimately ensure civil rights protection. NOW asserts the right of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people to live their lives with dignity and security, and the right of equal marriage for all.

Stopping Violence Against Women

BECAUSE I SHOULD BE SAFE

NOW is unique in its approach to the issue of violence against women, emphasizing that there are many interrelated aspects to the issue—domestic violence; sexual assault; sexual harassment; violence at abortion clinics; hate crimes across lines of gender, sexuality and race; the gender bias in our judicial system that further victimizes survivors of violence; and the violence of poverty.



Since 1966, NOW's activists have made a difference in the lives of American women and their families and women worldwide, but we need to stay vigilant to maintain those advances.

NOW has over 500,000 contributing members with chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Palm Beach County NOW is the largest chapter in the state of Florida and we are growing every day. We were founded in 1973 by women professors from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and their supporters to fight for equal pay and tenure.

Our chapter founded the **Feminist Scholarship Fund Inc.** in 1995 to assist in the education of Women's Studies students at Florida Atlantic University and to future feminist leaders. We support the Center for Women Gender and Sexuality Studies at FAU.

We also created **FACTsCourtWatch.org** (Families Against Court Travesties) to bring justice in the judicial court system.